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**Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP)
Quarterly Monitoring Report
Quarter 3 FY 2023 (January, February, March 2023)**

The Bridging Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) has been established in recognition that recovery can only begin in a safe, healthy, and decent environment; a place one can call home. The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) also recognizes that recovery is achieved on an individual basis which is not predicated by length of time, but rather individual progress, successes, and the necessity for rental assistance for persons with mental illness where length of assistance and number of services are measured in need, rather than in length of time.

BRAP is designed to assist individuals who have a psychiatric disability with housing costs until the individuals are awarded a Housing Choice Voucher (aka Section 8 Voucher), another federal subsidy, or until the individuals have an alternative permanent housing placement. All units subsidized by BRAP funding must meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Housing Quality Standards and Fair Market Rents. Following the *Housing First* evidence-based program model, BRAP recipients are encouraged, but not required, to accept the provision of services to go hand in hand with the voucher.

OBH also recognizes that access to safe, decent, and affordable housing is a medical necessity for many persons with disabilities. Independent housing vouchers deliver real therapeutic value; promote consumer empowerment; support both civil and disability rights; and are demonstrated to be radically cost effective when compared to high cost, high intensity, institutionalized care.

BRAP is administered throughout the State of Maine by four (4) Local Administrative Agencies (LAA), with each serving local communities in their area, as well as a Central Administrative Agency (CAA) that oversees the program on behalf of the Department. These agencies are as follows:

- Shalom House, Inc administers the program in York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Knox, and Waldo Counties, while also providing statewide programmatic oversight as the CAA.
 - Common Ties Mental Health Services administers the program in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin Counties.
 - Kennebec Behavioral Health administers the program in Kennebec and Somerset Counties.
 - Community Health and Counseling Services administers the program in Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington Counties.
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BRAP Waitlist

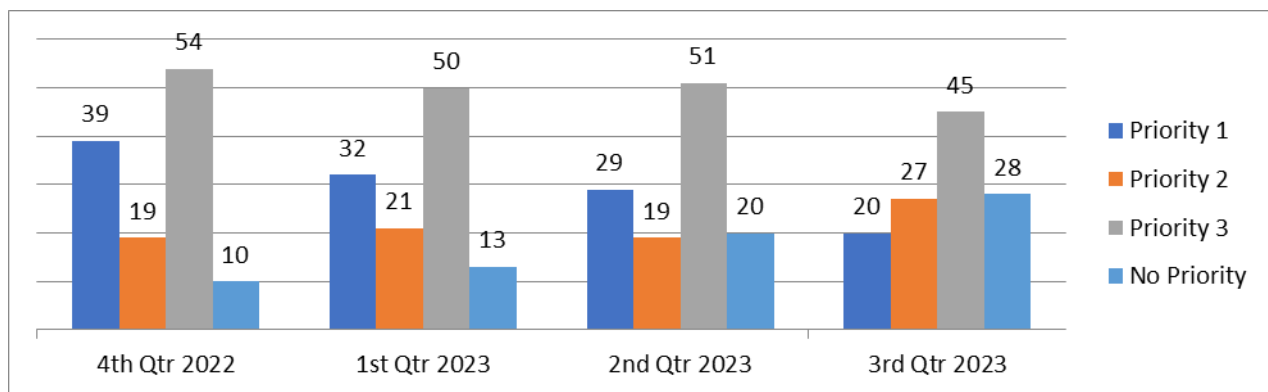
Currently, there is no waitlist for the BRAP program. For this quarter, individuals who applied waited an average of **four (4)** business days before being awarded a voucher and were able to start looking for housing.

BRAP Vouchers Awarded in 3rd Quarter of FY 2023

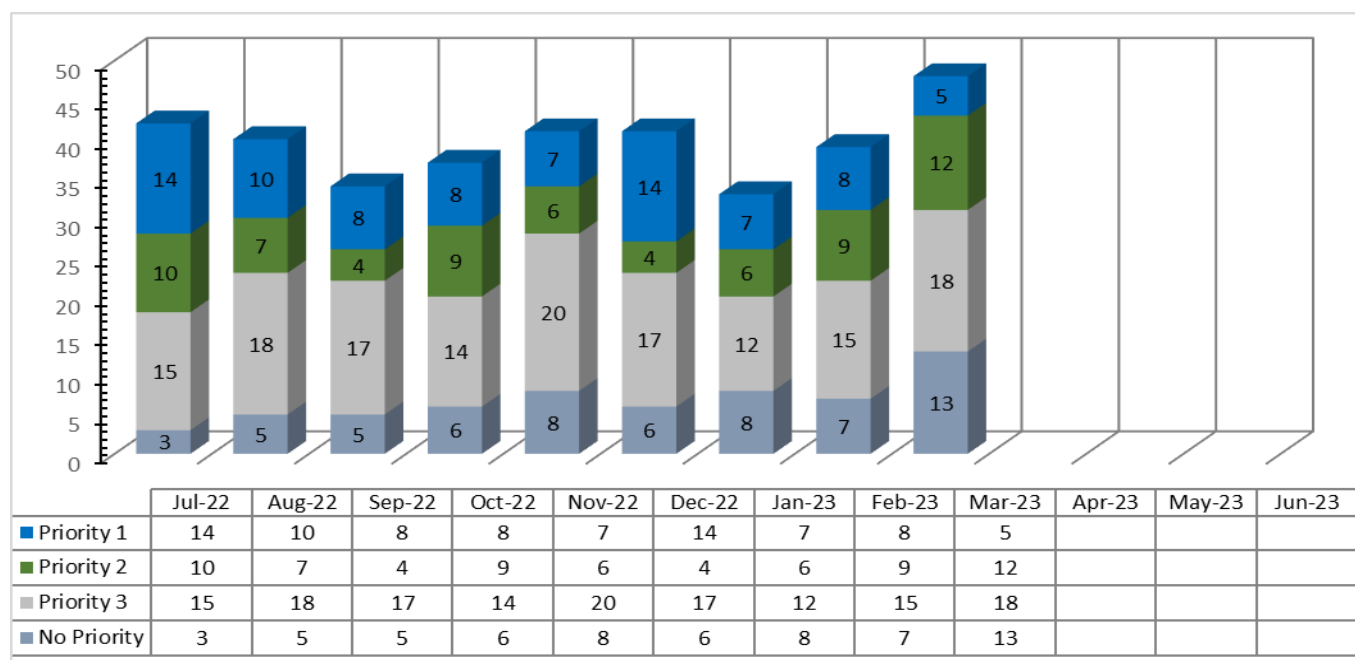
In the 3rd Quarter of FY 2023, a total of **120** new BRAP vouchers were awarded, an increase of .8% from the previous quarter. Of those awarded, the total can be broken down into the following priorities:

- Priority #1: **20** individuals discharged from psychiatric hospitals, or a state funded residential treatment facility/PNMI.
- Priority #2: **27** individuals who left or will be leaving a correctional facility.
- Priority #3: **45** individuals who met HUD's literal homeless definition.
- No-Priority: **28** individuals who did not fit into a specific program priority but were coming from circumstances that warranted a programmatic waiver.

**BRAP Vouchers Awarded in 3rd Quarter of FY 2023--Graph:
Detail by Priority Status, Change Relative to Quarter**

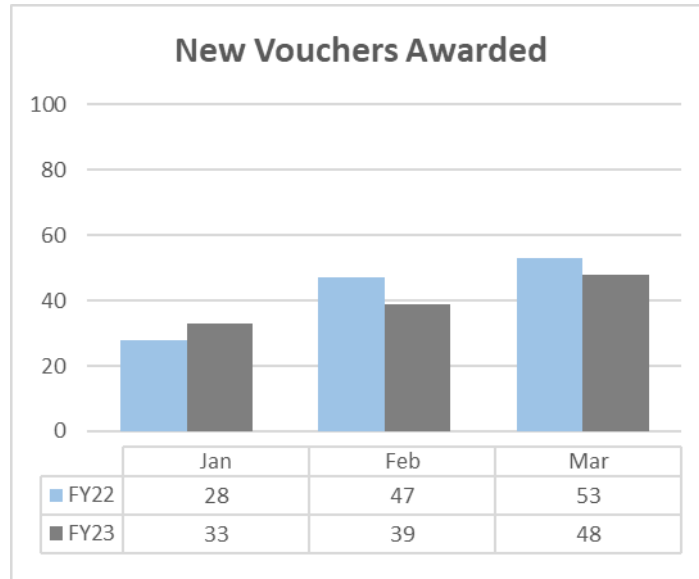


**BRAP Vouchers Awarded by Month FY 2023 -- Graph:
Detail by Priority Status, by Month**



BRAP Vouchers Awarded by Month, 3rd Quarter – Graph

Compared to Previous Fiscal Year, same Quarter

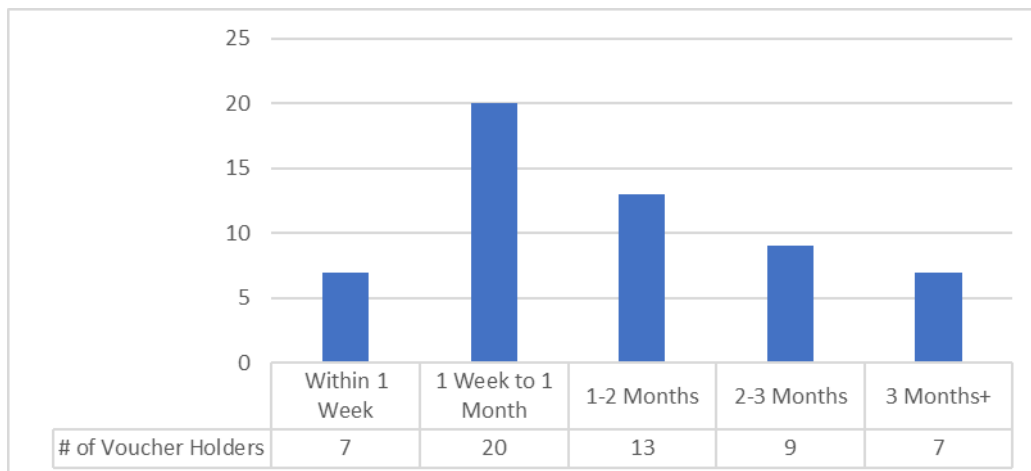


BRAP Voucher Status as of March 31, 2023

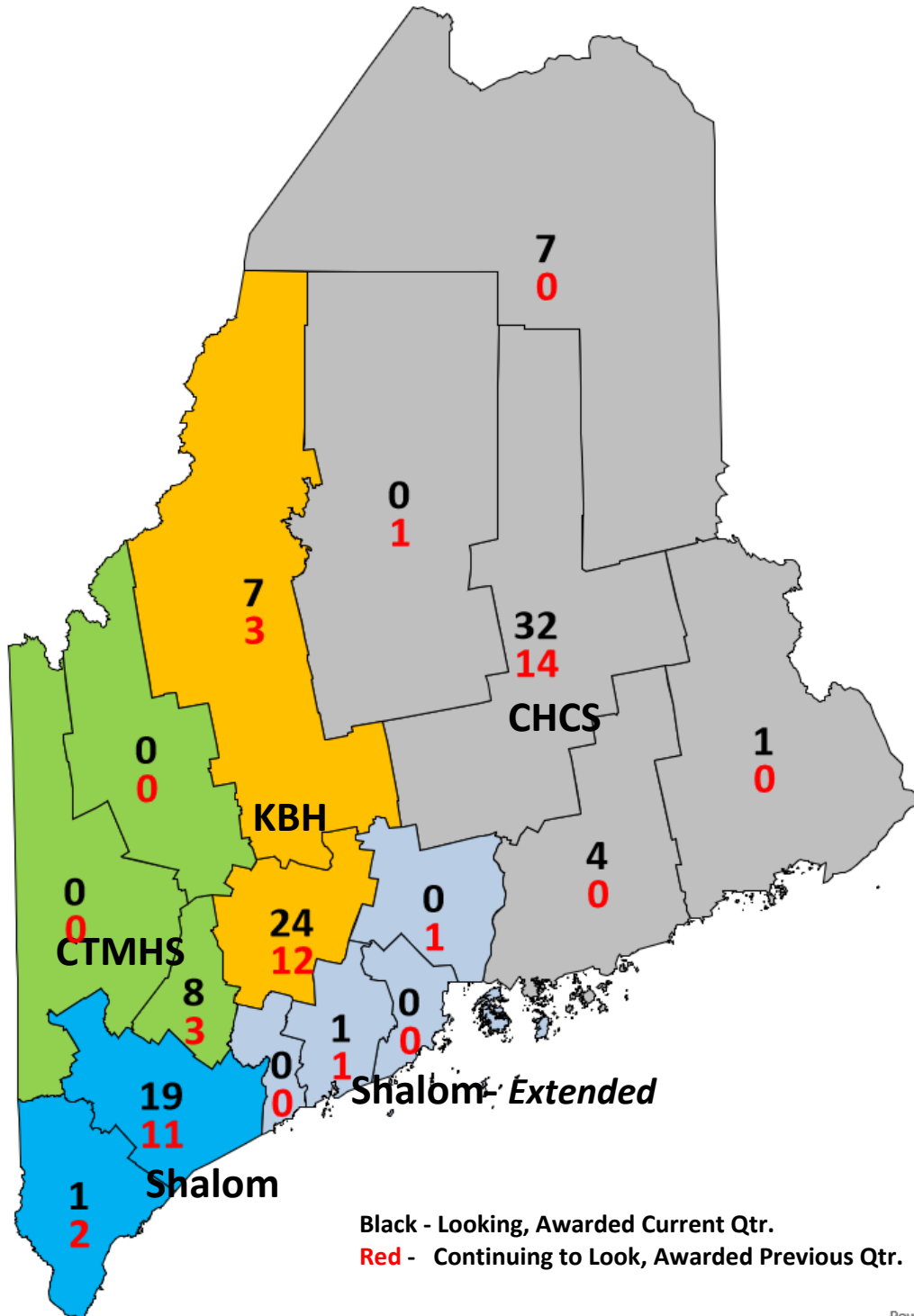
- As of March 31, 2023, a total of **911** individuals had active BRAP vouchers:
 - **759** were housed or were active on the program, but in between units.
 - **56** of those housed were newly housed during the quarter.
 - As of the close of the quarter, **152** individuals were awarded, but had not yet found a unit.
 - **104** were awarded within the 3rd Quarter FY 2023.
 - **48** were awarded in the previous quarter and are nearing their time limit.

During the 3rd Quarter of FY 2023, the average length of time to be housed for those able to secure a unit was about a month and a half, with the shortest time being three (**3**) days, and the longest being just under **5** months.

Length of Time to get Housed – Graph **Newly Housed BRAP Voucher Holders During Quarter**



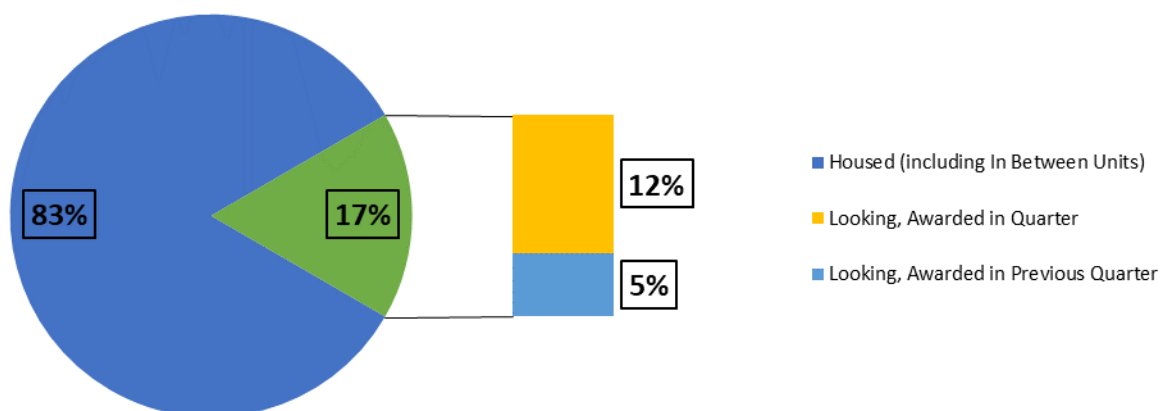
Looking by Location as of March 31, 2023 – BRAP Map
Number of BRAP Vouchers Awarded and Still Looking for a Unit
Awarded this Quarter vs. Awarded in Previous Quarter



Black - Looking, Awarded Current Qtr.

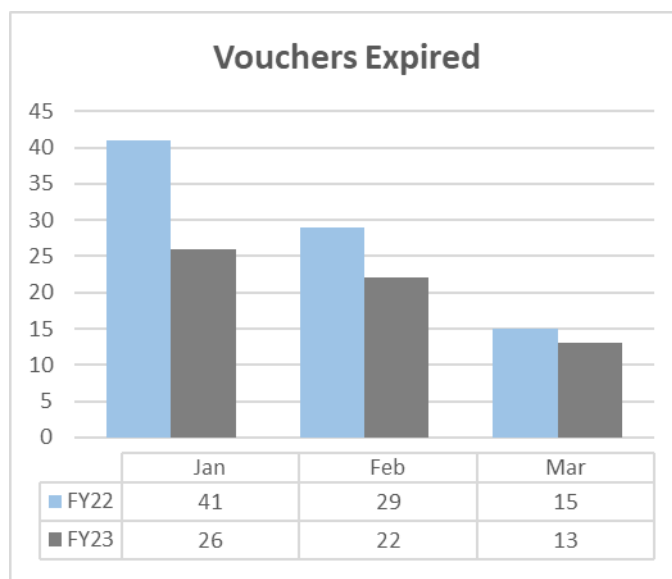
Red - Continuing to Look, Awarded Previous Qtr.

BRAP Voucher Status Breakdown as of March 31, 2023 – Graph



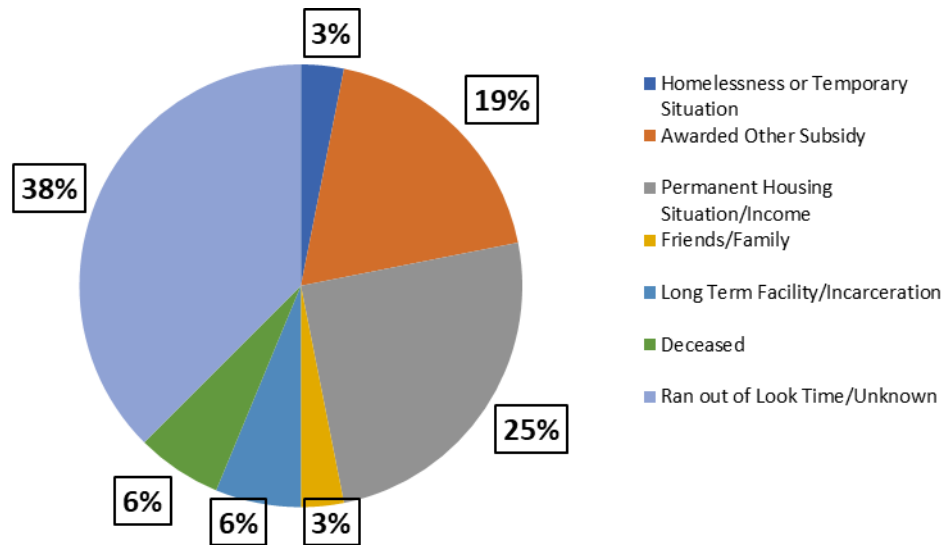
- **61** individuals who were awarded a BRAP voucher were unable to find housing and reached the maximum amount of time to secure a unit and had their vouchers expired during the quarter.

BRAP Vouchers Expired by Month Compared to Previous Year, 3rd Quarter – Graph

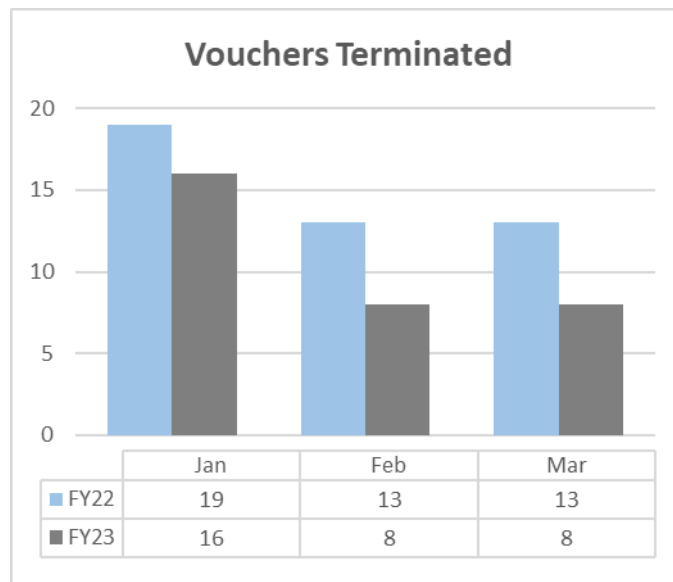


- **32** BRAP voucher holders who had been housed were terminated from the program during the quarter.
 - Of those terminated, the destinations reported to the program were as follows:
 - **6** were awarded a permanent subsidy, such as Section 8.
 - **8** left the program for a more permanent situation, or increased their household income and no longer need programmatic assistance
 - **1** moved in with friends or family
 - **2** were incarcerated or entered a long-term care facility/nursing care
 - **12** moved out of their unit and were unable to secure a new unit
 - **1** left to homelessness or another temporary situation
 - **2** were programmatic terminations due to the head of household passing away

BRAP Terminations in 3rd Quarter of FY 2023 - Graph
Breakdown by Destinations

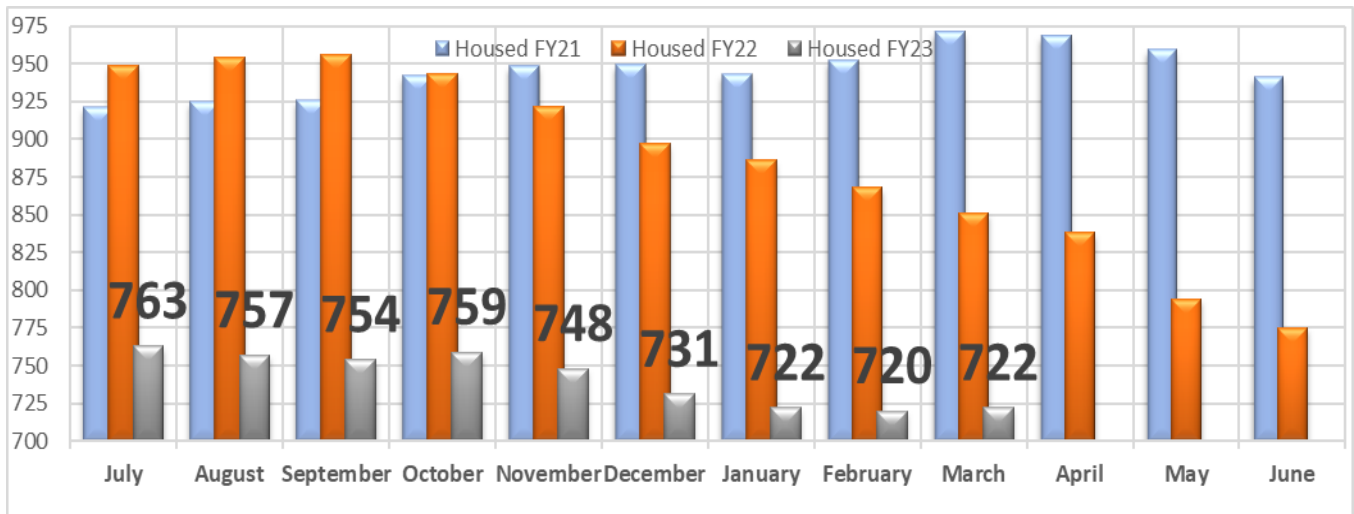


BRAP Vouchers Terminated by Month Compared to Previous Year, 3rd Quarter – Graph

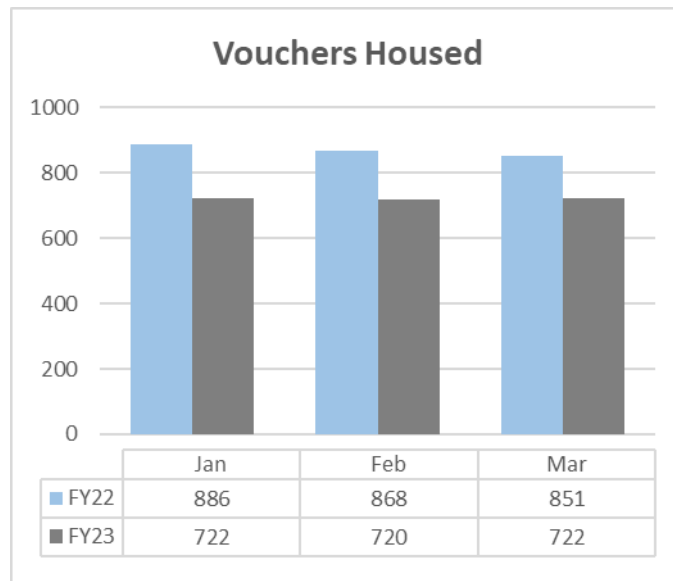


Housed as of March 31, 2023 - Graph

Number of BRAP Voucher Holders Housed by Month, as of March 31, 2023 Detail by Previous 2 Fiscal Years this Quarter

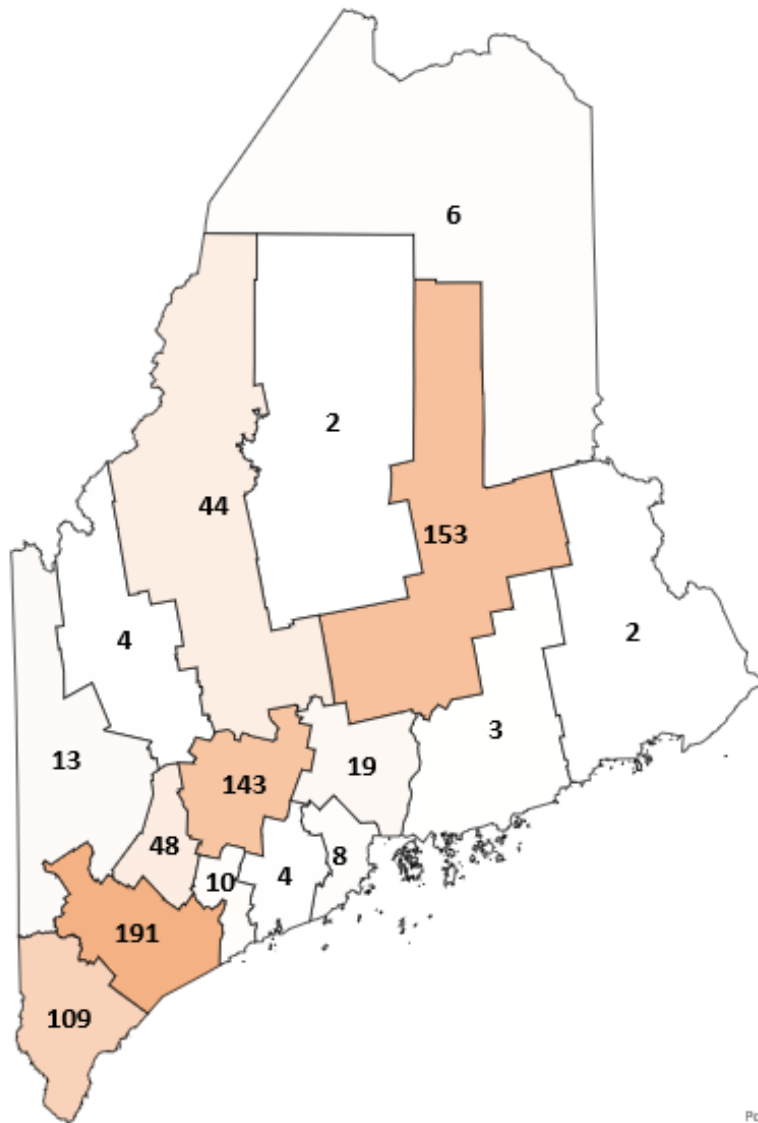


Number of BRAP Voucher Holders Housed by Month Compared to Previous Year, 3rd Quarter – Graph



BRAP Vouchers by Location, as of March 31, 2023 -- Map
Locations by County

County	Vouchers
Androscoggin Cty	48
Aroostook Cty	6
Cumberland Cty	191
Franklin Cty	4
Hancock Cty	3
Kennebec Cty	143
Knox Cty	8
Lincoln Cty	4
Oxford Cty	13
Penobscot Cty	153
Piscataquis Cty	2
Sagadahoc Cty	10
Somerset Cty	44
Waldo Cty	19
Washington Cty	2
York Cty	109



Household Composition of those on BRAP

- As of **March 31, 2023**, the total number of households active on BRAP can be broken down as follows:
 - **591** Single Adults (no other household members)
 - **168** Adults with households (includes those with children, spouses, and other household members)
- There was a total of **1,052** individuals (including household members) active on the program.
 - Of the total active, **759** were the awarded voucher holders (Heads of Household), with an additional **293** household members, which can be broken down by two age groups as follows:

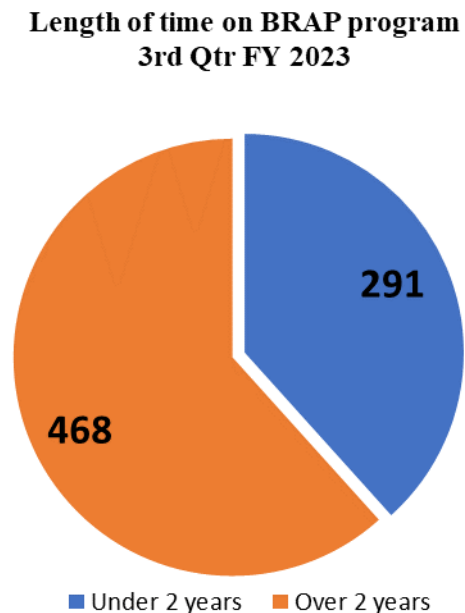
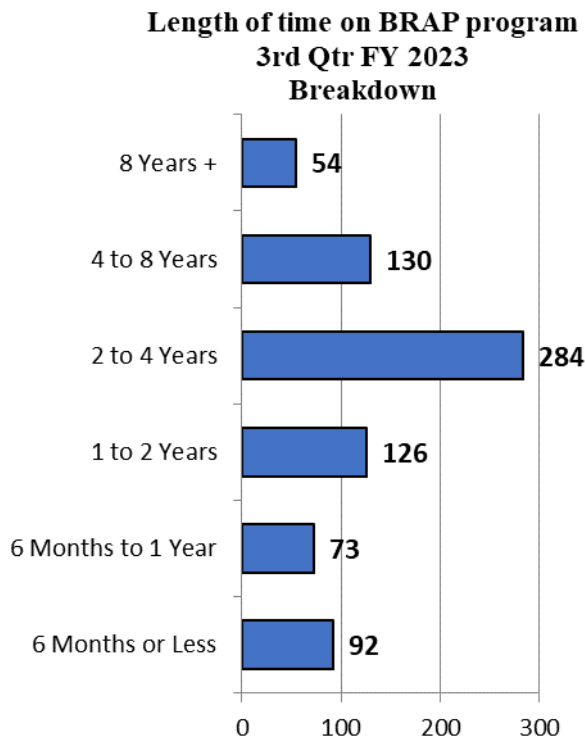
Heads of Households: **759**

Household Members: **293**

Adults (aged 18+): 81

Minors (0-17): 212

Length of Stay



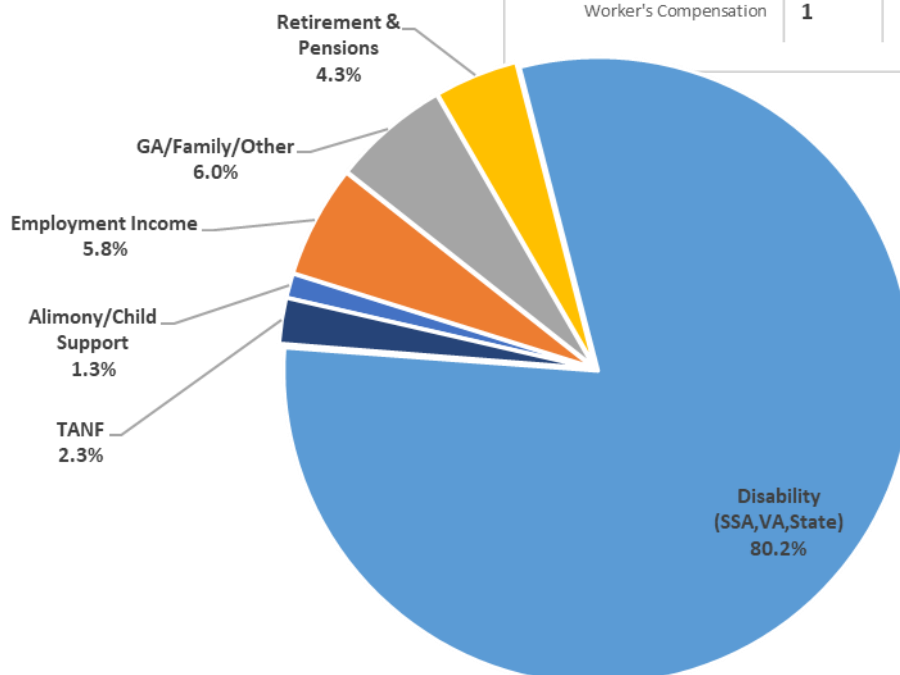
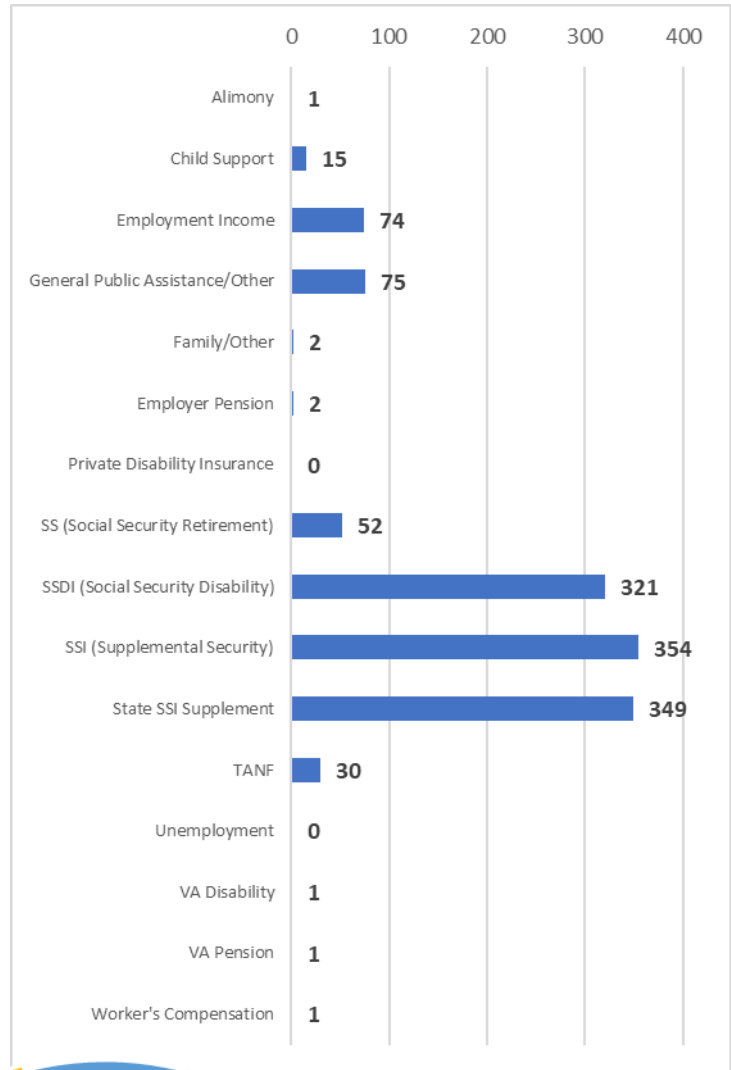
The number of households on the BRAP program for longer than 24 months has increased to **62%** of households active on the program, with the shortest length of time housed being just under 1 week and with the longest housed just over 20 years.

Income Summary

- As of March 31, 2023, the average monthly household income for those on the BRAP program was **\$948.00**.

Income by Source – Graph All BRAP Household Members

Source	Total Receiving	Average
Alimony	1	\$737
Child Support	15	\$387
Employment Income	74	\$1,102
General Public Assistance/Other	75	\$857
Family/Other	2	\$375
Employer Pension	2	\$67
Private Disability Insurance	0	\$0
SS (Social Security)	52	\$701
SSDI (Social Security Disability)	321	\$898
SSI (Supplemental Security)	354	\$641
State SSI Supplement	349	\$12
TANF	30	\$577
Unemployment	0	\$0
VA Disability	1	\$476
VA Pension	1	\$894
Worker's Compensation	1	\$1,014



Demographics of those on BRAP

- As of **March 31, 2023**, the demographic makeup of active voucher holders was as follows:

